"Every Investigating Officer shall send to the nearest Magistrate all material witnesses during the course of investigation and the Magistrate on oath record their statements, if such Magistrate is empowered to take cognizance of the case on police report. He shall keep such statements alongwith the FIR received by him and await the further police report under section 173. If he is not empowered to take such cognizance, he shall send the statements thus recorded on oath to the Magistrate empowered to take cognizance of the case."

In regard to a specific time-frame for a decision on the above, the Government has to take a view of the recommendations of the Law Commission in the 154th Report in entirety.

(c) Government has proposed various remedial measures to provide fast, cost effective and fair justice to the countrymen. These include amendment of Civil Procedure Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000 and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 are pending consideration of Parliament. Further as regards Criminal Procedure Code and the Indian Penal Code, the Law Commission of India has comprehensively reviewed both the Acts.

Further measures taken for speedy and cost effective justice are to increase the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, establishment of Special Courts/ Tribunals and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes. By March, 2001 the Lok Adalats have disposed of 1.67 crore (approx.) cases in the country.

Public and private Ltd. companies in the country

2219. SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) The number of public and private limited companies that have been registered as on 30th September, 2001 in the country, State-wise and Union territory-wise;

(b) the total capital, other investments and turnover of these companies;

(c)the total employment given in these companies;

(d) whether it is a fact that more than 50 per cent of these companies are running into losses;

(e) if so, the actual position during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001; and

(0 the number of companies which have been declared sick and referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a)The number of public and private limited companies registered as on 30th September, 2001 in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise is given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below):

(b) to (e) The total estimated paid-up capital of these companies as on 30th September, 2001 was Rs. 3,69,582 crore. Information in respect of investments, turnover, employment and losses is not maintained in respect of all the companies.

(f) Cases of 3670 Sick Industrial Companies have been registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Statement

State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of Public and Private Limited Companies in the Country as on 30-9-2001

SI. No.	State/UT	Public	Private	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6151	30314	36465
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10	217	227
3.	Assam	548	3625	4173
4.	Bihar	1498	73%	8894
5.	Goa	290	2219	2509
6.	Gujarat	5590	32783	38373
7.	Haryana	687	4962	5649
8.	Himachal Pradesh	323	1602	1925
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	205	1623	1828
10.	Karnataka	2612	24393	27(X)5

1	2	3	4	5
11.	Kerala	1389	II197	12586
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1870	11984	13854
13.	Maharashtra	12177	114722	126899
14.	Manipur	41	133	174
15.	Meghalaya	57	282	339
16.	Mizoram	1	32	33
17.	Nagaland	13	268	281
18.	Orissa	856	5231	6087
19.	Punjah	2107	11666	13773
20.	Rajasthan	1691	14071	15762
21.	Tamil Nadu	7827	43273	51100
22.	Tripura	8	72	80
23.	Uttar Pradesh	5004	18712	23716
24.	Wesl Bengal	10560	62582	73142
25.	Andaman & Nicohar	1	9	10
26.	Chandigarh	1279	4604	5883
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	41	96	137
28.	Daman & Diu	30	71	101
29.	Delhi	13104	94302	107406
30.	Lakshadwcep	0	1	1
31.	Pondicherry	199	915	1114
	TOTAL :	**76169**	**503357**	**579526**

Information in respect of the newly erealed Stales of Jhurkhand, Chhaltisgarh and Uttaranehal arc included in the States of Bihar. Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh respectively.